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DeKalb County Government  
Sycamore, Illinois

**Law & Justice Committee Minutes  
April 27, 2015**

The Law and Justice Committee of the DeKalb County Board met on Monday, April 27, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Building's Conference Room East. Chairman Frieders called the meeting to order. Those present were Ms. Askins, Ms. Leifheit, Ms. Little, and Mr. Stoddard. Those absent were Mr. Cribben and Mrs. Tobias. Five Members were present and two were absent.

Others present were Steve Reid, Tom McCulloch, Richard Schmack, Margi Gilmour, and Greg Millburg.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Moved by Mr. Stoddard, seconded by Ms. Little and it was carried unanimously to approve the minutes from March 23, 2015.**

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**It was moved by Ms. Askins, seconded by Mr. Stoddard and it was carried unanimously by voice vote to approve the agenda.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

State's Attorney Richard Schmack brought a couple packets of reading material for the Committee to review at their leisure. The first packet outline a project know as Hawaii Opportunity Probation with Enforcement, or HOPE – it uses a fundamentally different approach to traditional probation supervision. The other packet was an article that shared smart responses to parole and probation violations. He noted that further discussions regarding this project and the possible implementation of a project like HOPE will be coming forth in the upcoming months.

**PUBLIC DEFENDER'S REPORT – TOM McCULLOCH**

Public Defender Tom McCulloch joined the Committee to provide his monthly Public Defender's Report. He noted that in the month of March, 868 cases were opened and 1210 were closed. Mr. McCulloch also shared as far as future items, he wanted the Committee to be aware that he will be asking for an additional Public Defender during this budget cycle. An additional Public Defender was requested last year and it was not granted nor denied but was prioritized behind a Sheriff's Deputy Position which has since been filled. Mr. McCulloch shared that he still holds true to his reasoning for needing an additional Public Defenders and he wanted the Committee to be aware that he will be requesting for that position again this year.

Mr. McCulloch also spent additional time with the Committee discussing different types of caseloads that the Public Defender's Office is encountering and other variables that are aiding in the increase of demand on his department.

### **COURT SERVICES REPORTS – MS. MARGI GILMOUR**

Ms. Margi Gilmour, Director of the County's Court Service Department reviewed her monthly reports with the Committee. She noted that her department had 23 new probation cases and 14 successful terminations. She also reviewed the Community Services hours completed for adults and juveniles that can be seen in her attached report.

Ms. Gilmour also reviewed her Pretrial Report to the Committee. There were 39 bond investigations completed in the month of March and 18 individuals were released on Pretrial Supervision. She also noted that the Pretrial violation continue to be low and 4 individuals successfully completed Pretrial supervisions. The Committee took notice that the court appearance reminder calls seem to be working because there were 0 Failure to Appear violations.

Ms. Gilmour continued to share information regarding juvenile residential placement. Six youth were detained in the month of March, one youth was detained twice. She explained that two youth are still in residential placement and took some additional time to explain to the Committee how a youth is placed in residential placement.

Lastly, Ms. Gilmour shared that their new Adult Supervisor started a week ago and her Pretrial staff is now moved into the basement of the Courthouse. She will also be conducting interviews for a new High Risk Adult Officer this coming week.

### **RESOLUTION REGARDING REFORM OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM**

The Committee was presented two sample resolutions to work from to coordinate together to come up with a final resolution to their liking to be able to forward to the full County Board recommending approval.

Mr. Steve Reid, who brought this issue to the Committee to consider, also provided his input and statistic to help form the resolution.

The Committee worked together and provided their individual input on what they would like to see in the resolution. They came up with a resolution that urges Illinois representatives at the state and federal level to enact legislation to reduce arbitrary mandatory sentences, encourage judges to release non-violent, non-flight-risk detainees on their own recognizance, decriminalize "nuisance" offences, provide for the support of community-based mental health treatment alternatives to incarceration, and/or other such action that will reduce jail populations to include only those who pose real risks to themselves or the community.

**It was moved by Mr. Stoddard, seconded by Ms. Askins and it was approved unanimously by voice vote to forward the resolution to the full County Board recommending its approval.**

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### **FEES & REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO TORNADO RELIEF**

The Committee determined that there were no fees or regulations pertaining to the April 9<sup>th</sup> tornado from departments that they oversee. Chairman Frieders did offer his support to the Planning & Zoning Committee with their efforts of helping the tornado victims of Fairdale and Franklin Township.

### **PRELIMINARY BUDGET DISCUSSION**

Chairman Frieders shared with the Committee that the County is facing a difficult budget year ahead of them and he wanted everyone keep in mind and bring forward any issues that the Committee may be facing this upcoming budget season. He noted that it was never too early to start discussing the budget.

### **NEXT MEETING DATE**

Chairman Frieders explained to the Committee that their next meeting fell on a County Holiday (Memorial Day) so he wanted to ask if the Committee wanted to cancel the meeting or change the date. The Chairman suggested preliminarily changing their meeting date to Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> and as they come closer to that date and do not have any additional business items, they can decide then to cancel the meeting. The Committee agreed with his suggestion.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**It was moved by Ms. Little, seconded by Ms. Askins, and it was carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman John Frieders

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Tasha Stogsdill, Recording Secretary

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## PROBATION

# COMMUNITY RESTITUTION SERVICE

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## 2015 Pretrial YTD Information

	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>Bond Investigations Completed</b>												
Felony	41	28	32									
Misdemeanor	10	5	7									
<b>Released on Pre-Trial Supervision</b>												
Felony	13	6	18									
Misdemeanor	0	0	0									
<b>Released with no Pre-trial Supervision (Including those who posted)</b>												
Felony	34	24	20									
Misdemeanor	9	5	4									
<b>Active Pre-Trial Supervision Cases</b>												
Felony	55	60	72									
Misdemeanor	4	6	5									
<b>Violations Reported</b>												
Rules Violation	2	2	3									
Failure to Appear	0	0	0									
New Offense	0	0	3									
<b>Violations Revoked</b>												
Rules Violation	0	0	0									
Failure to Appear	1	0	0									
New Offense	0	1	2									
<b>Successful Terminations</b>	5	1	4									

### Cost Avoidance

The Pre-Trial program was operational as of June 9, 2014.

From 6/9/14 - 4/7/15, 101 individuals were released from custody and placed on pre-trial supervision for a total of 10,941 days. We can't definitively say the pre-trial program is the only element responsible for the release of those individuals, as other factors may be involved. However, prior to the implementation of the pre-trial program the court did not have the benefit of the bond investigation reports with verified information to include a risk assessment or the ability to order individuals released to report to the Pre-Trial Officers for supervision while out on bond.